

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Wojciech K. Slusarek, et al

IMAGING ELEMENT CONTAINING A  
BLOCKED PHOTOGRAPHICALLY USEFUL  
COMPOUND

Divisional of Application  
Serial No. 09/711,769

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: Richard L. Schilling

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Date July 13, 2001

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination of this case, please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, please insert the following before the first line

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a Divisional of application no. 09/711,769, filed November 13, 2000, now allowed.--

**In the Claims:**

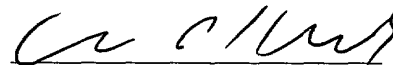
Please cancel claims 1 - 32.

**REMARKS**

Preliminary to Examination of this case, please amend the application as indicated above. Enclosed also is an IDS for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request examination at the earliest date.

Respectfully submitted,



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